



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 03063.0396-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
John E. EBY et al.) Group Art Unit: 1732
Application No.: 09/287,631) Examiner: A. Kuhns
Filed: April 7, 1999) Confirmation No.: 6525
For: SURFACE COVERINGS HAVING)
A NATURAL APPEARANCE AND)
METHODS TO MAKE A SURFACE)
COVERING HAVING A NATURAL)
APPEARANCE)

MAIL STOP: ISSUE FEE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REQUEST FOR APPLICATION OF PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE

In accordance with the Decision on Petition mailed July 23, 2001, by the Office of Petitions, Applicants request the Issue Fee paid on June 8, 2001, in this application be applied to the new Notice of Allowance dated June 4, 2004. The Decision on Petition states the following:

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on June 8, 2001 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee by the new Notice of Allowance.

Therefore, Director for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or to re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above. Please charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: September 7, 2004

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